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14 March 1956

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Status of Land Acquisition for Parkway**

1. On 12 March I spoke to Mr. Cheatham, former General Counsel of the NCPC and obtained the following information. To the best of his knowledge and mine no new General Counsel has been appointed yet.

2. The present status of acquisition varies in three blocs:

a. From the present end of the Parkway to the Arlington-Fairfax line all necessary right of way has been acquired except;

(1) A parcel of over 100 acres known as the Smoot tract and one other piece belonging to a man named Silsby (sp?) are subjects of current condemnation suits.

(2) There are two or three pieces near the line which have not been acquired because the same owners have property north of the line which must be acquired. If this property were condemned in two suits there would be additional expenses of severance which can be avoided by picking this land up in single parcels.

b. From the County line to the old Georgetown-Leesburg Pike the NCPC has approved taking lines but no property has as yet been acquired.

(1) An agreement among the NCPC, the Governor of Virginia, and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County was approved by the President last summer. In connection with the agreement the Federal Government is contributing \$100,000 and Fairfax and Virginia \$50,000 each.

(2) \$200,000 is ear-marked, however, for actual land acquisition. None of this money is available for survey. The surveys are essential in order that the land to be acquired in this section can be appraised. Appraisal is a necessary precedent to approval of expenditures from this fund. Such approval will come from the NCPC and the Fairfax Board of Supervisors.

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(3) Mr. Nolte of the NCPC has a copy of the agreement.

(4) Currently the NCPC budget to cover survey and other expenses of acquisition other than purchase prices is only \$26,000. Out of this sum must come the salary of Mr. Edward Grotecloos, the Land Purchasing Officer, and other incidental expenses of his office.

c. In the section from the Georgetown-Leesburg Pike to the Leiter Estate no taking lines have been officially approved. Taking lines have been put on paper but approval has been delayed because the Bureau of Public Roads would like to have more land acquired where the Parkway intersects the Georgetown-Leesburg Pike in order to provide for an interchange.

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